

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for October 28, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Prayer via zoom—8:30 AM

For after-hour emergencies and pastoral care, please contact the Rector or Parish Administrator: 804-464-1842.

For baptisms, marriages, or funerals, please contact the Rector.

For use of the facilities, membership, or giving and pledges, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Church sponsored, Sunday bulletin announcements are due in the office by 12:00 PM, Tuesdays and should be submitted here:

www.stmatmidlo.com/news-announcements

Please see our community bulletin board in Morrison Hall for personal and community announcements.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday : 8:30 AM—3:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

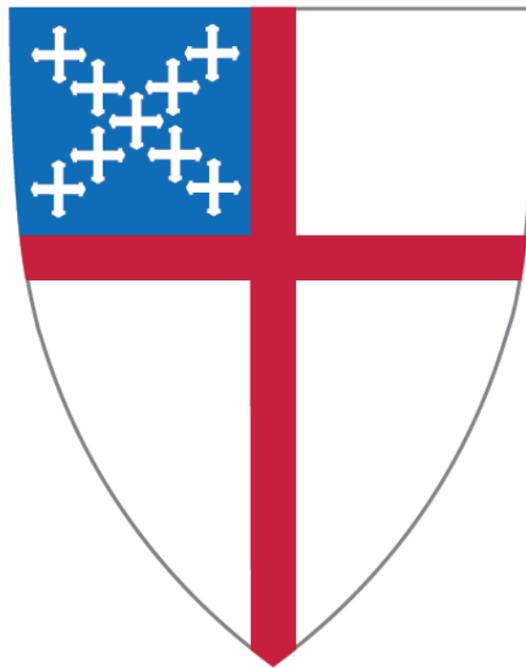
Masks Required.

Staff members are working from home and are checking voice mail and returning calls.

Phone: 804-464-1842 Fax: 804-594-5982

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text WeAreIAM to 84483

Web Site: www.stmatmidlo.com ~ Email: st.matthias@stmatmidlo.com



Blessed and Beloved in Christ!

Already we find ourselves at the end of October—how did that happen?

Much has happened in the ongoing months for which we can be grateful! Our ministries continue as ever: Christian Formation, the Food Pantry, Shelter Feeding, Sunday Services – now in multiple formats! There are other numerous examples. I am grateful for our resourcefulness, our resilience, and our tenacity to remain faithful to the mission to which God has called us.

Our first return to a Communion service went very well! The live-streaming, eh, not so well! So, we are on it, as they say. The sound difficulties will be addressed this week. The overall needed technological improvements are expected some time next week. Please don't give up! We will get it fixed and working better. (that takes us back to tenacity and resourcefulness!)

Also, remember that you are welcome to come on Wednesdays from Noon until 2PM for Communion from the Reserve Sacrament with a prayer and time for quiet in the church if you so desire. No appointment is necessary.

Lastly, I would invite your prayers for this nation- particularly this coming week. Pray for wisdom, pray for peace, pray for God's guidance in and above all things. Be kind. Be loving. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Until Next Week,
Brenda

Early Bulletin Deadline: Items that need to appear in the November 4th issue of the E-news must be submitted to the office by 9:00 Am on Monday, November 2.

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 3 for Election Day.

Our Ministries Continue

St. Matthias' Shelter Feeding Ministry is :

- one of the easiest ways to support St. Matthias' outreach
- one of the coolest ways to support our community without leaving your neighborhood
- inexpensive
- most of the lunch-making ingredients you most likely have on hand
- no heavy lifting (literally and figuratively)
- a delightful activity for families to demonstrate the gladness of helping others
- a great community outreach credit for school-aged kids
- fellowship happens in the parking lot when you drop off lunches at church
- **you do not have to deliver the lunches to the shelters*

End Result :

- a bagged lunch is a small gift offering comfort along with the food inside to someone who is homeless, hungry, and often hopeless
 - participating in this ministry gives an immense feeling of joy to help people in our community who have :
- fallen upon hard times
- gotten lost in the system
- battered women afraid for their children's lives and themselves
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Easy to do :

- sign up every other month via Signup Genius, email, text, or phone call
- make 10 bagged lunches that include :
- 1 sandwich (meat or meat + cheese or peanut butter and jelly (please mark these for allergies) NO CONDIMENTS
- 1 fruit (banana, orange, apple, etc.)
- 1 salty snack (pre-packaged chips, crackers, etc.)
- 1 sweet snack (pre-packaged cookies, granola bar, etc.)
- 1 napkin
- Meet at 9am in the church parking lot for Mary and Carrie to deliver

Additional info :

Carrie Deane 804 986 6460 carriecdeane@aol.com

Mary Ellers 804 908 1575 maryellers@yahoo.com

- two transitional men's shelters, one men's Veteran's shelter and one women and children's shelter; all in the downtown Richmond area
- St. Matthias' shares this ministry with 4 other Episcopal churches: All Saints, St. Martin's, Church of the Redeemer and Manakin

Annual Giving Campaign Update

The Stewardship Commission respectfully requests all our Church Family members, who have not done so, to submit your 2021 pledge card or pledge online at www.stmatmidlo.com by November 2, 2020. This will give us time to wrap up the campaign and report to Finance the results so they can effectively budget for 2021.

As of October 26, 2020, with more than 90% of the campaign behind us, we have pledges for 56% of our \$500,000 goal for the General Fund. That \$280,073 has been pledged by 34% of our total giving units. Additionally, we have pledges for 68% of our Outreach Fund target of \$60,000 and \$13,329 pledges toward the 2021 Blessing Fund. My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has risen to the challenge of the 2021 Giving Campaign and given so generously.

We understand that the other 155 pledging units may not have the ability to be as generous with your giving, but we asks each of you to prayerfully consider what you are able to pledge for 2021 and submit that pledge by November 2, 2020.

Please contact me directly if you have questions or need additional information or contact the Church Office at (804) 464-1842 if you have misplaced your pledge card or need assistance in pledging online.

Darlene

Darlene Kirkpatrick, Stewardship Commission Chair

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(804) 399-8562



Food Pantry Donations for Thanksgiving Dinners: Beginning Thursday, October 29 at Noon there will be bags available with shopping lists. The bags will be located on the table inside the front door of the church. Or the bags can be picked up at the Food Pantry on Fridays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please return them as early as possible, but no later than November 13th. Bags can be returned to the Food Pantry on Fridays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm or placed on the tables located inside the front door during normal office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Call For Vestry Nominations: The Vestry would like to invite members of the parish to run for the Vestry. The Vestry is made up of 9 lay members of the parish along with the Rector. Individuals serve 3-year terms. The Vestry works with the Rector, staff and parish to facilitate the various ministries of St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Canons of the church require Vestry members to be confirmed or received members of the Episcopal Church, active in the church ministries and be currently pledging. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry please contact Br. Mark or Jeff Burke.

St. Matthias relies on plate contributions (non-pledged income) to help balance the budget. Mainly because of little or no Sunday attendance allowed at church, our plate contributions are almost \$20,000 below budget. In order to help alleviate this gap, we ask all non-pledgers (and pledgers if they wish), to consider making a contribution to plate income. Just put "plate" on the memo section of your check. Thank you.

You can also give to the plate by clicking [here](#).

Or by texting [stmatmidlo plate](tel:73256) and amount to 73256



Pass Codes are being Enabled: Please note that some of the Zoom gatherings now have pass codes. If a meeting has a pass code, it is to the right of the link. Please write this number down, you will need to use that code in order to enter that gathering.

If a gathering does not have a pass code, you will go into a waiting room until the host of the gathering brings you into the main meeting.

Weekly Zoom Gatherings

All you have to do is click on the links below to join. By September 27 Zoom will require access codes for all meetings. If there is an access code listed with a link, you will need to use that access code to enter that meeting.

All Sunday Service information and links will sent to you in a separate email.

[Morning Prayer Sunday 8:30 AM](#) Pass Code: 847445

[Seekers Sunday 9:30 AM](#)

[Monday Evening Kerygma Monday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 555850

[Men's Group Tuesday 8:30 AM](#)

[Passing the Peace Tuesday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 579942

[Wednesday Kerygma 10:00 AM](#)

[Centering Prayer Wednesday 7:30 AM](#)

[Sunday 11:00 AM Service Live Stream](#)



Please click on the link below. Then scroll down to the large **Green** block titled **Sunday Services** and click on it, after that scroll down to the small [Sermon.net] box next to Rev. Brenda S. Overfield and click on it. " You are now Live Streaming the Sunday Service at St. Matthias Episcopal Church.

[Sunday Service Live Stream](#)

ELECTION DAY CONCERT FOR PEACE - The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada and the Center for Congregational Song will present a "Concert for Peace" on YouTube Live. After you vote, join Center for Congregational Song Director, Brian Hehn, for a 12-hour broadcast beginning at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3 and airing through 1:00 am.

This is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3ER4yn9nhQ&feature=youtu.be>

Special guests will join Brian along the way to offer prayers, scripture readings, and other words of hope, healing, and peace. This non-partisan event is designed to give your spirit rest from the anxiety of waiting for election results. We hope and pray it ministers to you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:15 - 1:00 pm. Feel free to eat lunch during the class.

Our Sunday School program, *SPARK: Activate Faith-All Kids*, invites children 3 years-old through 5th grade to explore Bible stories with the opportunities that come with having a multi-age classroom.

Here is the link to the Zoom Sunday School class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002087633>

You will be in the waiting room until the host (Sunday School teacher) lets you into the meeting.

November 1st - *David is Chosen* (Activity - All Saints Day Crown)

November 8th - *Solomon Builds the Temple* (King Solomon Temple craft)

Don't forget to register your child(ren) for Sunday School here: <https://forms.gle/C3jnofVxSt3YJnqp8>

SEASON OF PRAYER: FOR AN ELECTION

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER

We come together, asking God for courage and wisdom, thanking God for love and joy. As we move toward the election of leaders for the United States, may we all join in a season of prayer, committing to offer to God our fears and frustrations, our hopes and dreams.

A novena is an ancient tradition of nine days of devotional prayers, often with a specific intention. In this case, we pray for discernment in voting and for the well-being of our nation. Starting October 27 and continuing through the day after the election, we invite you to pray for the election of leaders in the United States.

These prayers, drawn from The Book of Common Prayer, can be printed out and tucked in a Bible or prayer journal.

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER

OCT 27 Pray for the nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OCT 28 Pray for every human heart

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCT 29 Pray for those who influence public opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCT 30 Pray for these times of conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCT 31 Pray for guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOV 1 Pray for direction from God

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOV 2 Pray for discernment

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NOV 3 Pray for the election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOV 4 Pray for our own work for the common good

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All prayers are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, pages 258, 823, 827, 824, 832, 231, 822, and 261.

FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT

For this season, we encourage you to pray this litany every day. You might also consider praying the Great Litany, beginning on page 148 of The Book of Common Prayer.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

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Contributions to the Church

Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by mailing your check to our church office at 11300 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian VA 23113. Please be sure to note on your check if it is for the General Fund or the Outreach Fund and or how you would like your amount split between the two.

Now that staff are in the office you may also give via debit/credit card over the phone by calling Br. Mark.

On-line giving has been set up and activated to provide an avenue to continue to receive members' donations. This includes debit and credit cards as well as direct ACH transactions. We offer these various forms of payment of your donations for your convenience and ease, but never with the wish that you indebt yourselves in so doing. We are grateful for your generosity.

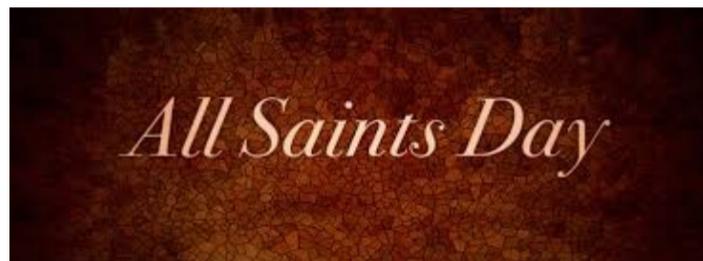
On-line giving is available through our website at www.stmatmidlo.com.

Text Giving

Text: Stmatmidlo and Amount to 73256

For updates from the Diocese Click on the Link Below:

[Diocese of Southern VA.](#)



All Saints'/All Souls' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Alice Goodyear
Kenneth A Francis
Roderic P Francis
Gary A Francis
Ernest C. Deane, Jr.
Mark R. Deane
Carol R. Deane
Those who have passed from Covid-19 and other illness this year
Stephen Wright
Frank Dial
Ed Mendenhall
Jane Mendenhall
Muna Johnson
Richard Collum
Edna Collum
Charlie Pettis

Carolyn Pettis
Robert Pettis
Jinny Millner
Sam Hardy
James Catchick
Sally and Jim Beckett
Jean Clark
Ken Houghton
Robert (Bob) Carey Goodman
Joshua Daley

We remember this day:

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests can be sent to Br. Mark at Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com.

Our Congregation is asked to keep in their prayers the following:

Maryann Garnett
Orlo Zumwalt
Bob Bastedo
Sharon Wiesner
Susan Hoffman
/Kenny Welton
Ann Biesecker
Susan Means
The Bellomy Family
Ellen Whitehead
Melisa
M.L.
Bellomy Family
Kay Firestone
/Jeff
Madison
Craig Fabian
Jim & Joanne Parker
Libby Board
Matt Allen
Luca
Nancy
Mike
Wayne
Malcolm
The Daley Family
Mark Redstrom
Kathleen

Bill & Becky Russell
Alice G.
Connie
Angie Day
Ron Bellar
Greg Cross
Rob Seegmiller
Beth Matthews
Janet Jackson
Julie Morrison
Allie
Kylie
Lacey
Shannon
Nick
Lou
The Mendenhall Family
/David Baum
Pamela
Rinaldo Redstrom
Carl Johnson
Bill Johnson
Hannah
Patti M.
Claude
Elliott Woodaman
Jane Griffin
Anne Thomas

Lou Zajur Wellhouse
Erik Anderson
Liz Brengel
Dot Worsham
Rodger Hardy
Gretchen
Dick Harman
Ed McCowan

For the repose of the souls of Muna Johnson & Jane Mendenhall.

We also pray for those in the military, especially:

Todd Batteau
Sooky Brooks
Alex Burton
Christopher Garland
Michael Handlan
Jake Hentges
Rebecca Jenkins
Donta Mason
Tom Montgomery
Phillip Plourd
Andrew Rodgers
Heather Smith
Hank Truillo
Nat Williams

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The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God celebration of Elizabeth's birthday by Jerry & Amenta Buckner.

Prayer for an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*